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SUBJECT: BENELUX MINI-SUMMIT

1. BENELUX HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HELD ONE-DAY MEETING IN THE HAGUE SEPTEMBER 18, AT WHICH DECISION TAKEN TO HOLD BENELUX GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE IN MARCH OR APRIL 1975. HAGUE "MINI-SUMMIT" WAS ATTENDED BY PRIMIN DEN UYL AND STATE SECRETARY MFA BRINKHORST FOR NETHERLANDS, PREMIER TINDEMANS AND FONMIN VAN ELSANDE FOR BELGIUM, AND PRIMIN-FONMIN THORN OF LUXEMBOURG.

2. THE THREE COUNTRIES DECIDED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD COMPLETE A REPORT WITHIN TWO MONTHS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE. THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTERS SHOULD FORMULATE PROPOSALS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ON THE HARMONIZATION OF EXCISE AND ADDED VALUE ADDED TAXES IN ORDER TO LIBERALIZE BENELUX TRADE COMPLETELY, PRIMARY ITEMS WHICH WILL COME UNDER THE STUDY ARE TOBACCO, UNCLASSIFIED

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ALCOHOL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

3. DURING THE MEETING, THE DUTCH AND BELGIAN MINISTERS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY COMMON WATERWAYS PROBLEMS,  
INCLUDING THE BAALHOEK CANAL AND THE CLOSING OF  
THE OOSTER SCHELDE.  
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